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TAGS: PFOR, CE

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: COLOMBO 545 (BEING REPEATED INFO ADDRESSEES)

1. DEPT AGREES THAT AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON BASNAYAKE SHOULD
PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR BEGINNING PROCESS OF
FOCUSSING GOSL'S ATTENTION ON ISSUES OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE
TO US AT NAG SUMMIT. WE SUGGEST THAT OF THESE AMBASSADOR
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TAKE UP KOREA AND PUERTO RICO AT THIS MEETING. ALSO

IMPORTANT TO ELICIT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON
ACTIVITIES OF NON-ALIGNED CO-ORDINATING GROUP (NACG).

2. AS LEAD-OFF TO CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH DRAW
BASNAYAKE'S ATTENTION TO AMB. MOYNIHAN'S SPEECH OF
JANUARY 27 TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING (TRANSMITTED
ON WIRELESS FILE). THIS PROVIDES GOOD SUMMARY OF
NUMEROUS STEPS USG HAS TAKEN IN IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDE-
LINES AGREED AT UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. THESE ARE
SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF ABILITY AND DESIRE OF USG TO
RESPOND TO LDC ECONOMIC CONCERNS WHICH GOSL WISELY INTENDS
TO MAKE FOCUS OF SUMMIT. FYI: THIS OPENING WILL PROVIDE
BASIS FOR EMPHASIS ON US CONCERN ON KEY POLITICAL ISSUES.
END FYI.

3. ON KOREA, BASIC GUIDANCE IN STATE 158345 AND STATE
195240 STILL APPLIES. FYI. IN ADDITION, NORTH KOREA
IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE WRITTEN REQUEST WITH SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS TO NACG THROUGH ALGERIA THAT KOREA ISSUE BE
MADE SEPARATE ITEM ON AGENDA OF NAG SUMMIT. END FYI.
WHILE NOT REVEALING EXTENT OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
ALGERIA/NORTH KOREA APPROACH TO NACG, AMBASSADOR SHOULD
TELL BASNAYAKE THAT WE ANTICIPATE THAT NORTH KOREA WILL
ATTEMPT USE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ONCE AGAIN IN STERILE
BATTLE ON KOREA ISSUE IN 31ST UNGA. THIS ANNUAL EXERCISE,
WHICH ABUSES THE PROCEDURES OF THE UN, SERVES NO USEFUL
PURPOSE IN RESOLVING THE DIVISION OF KOREA OR LESSENING
THE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY THE KOREAN PROBLEM
PRESENTS. ACCORDINGLY, NON-ALIGNED INVOLVEMENT IN THIS
ISSUE IN SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA NOT ONLY WOULD BE COUNTER
TO THE EMPHASIS ON CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION AND ECONOMIC
ISSUES THE GOSL WANTS TO ACHIEVE IN THE WORK OF THE
SUMMIT, BUT ALSO COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUANCE OF
AN IMPASSE WHICH IS NOT RPT NOT IN REAL INTERESTS OF
KOREAN PEOPLE, REGIONAL PARTIES CONCERNED, AND THE UN.
US MADE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS (STATE 158345) IN THE
COURSE OF 30TH GA FOR MOVING AWAY FROM THIS IMPASSE. USG
URGES THAT NON-ALIGNED IN COURSE OF ANY INTERCHANGES
WITH NORTH KOREA FOCUSED ON UNGA SUGGEST LATTER EXAMINE
THESE SERIOUSLY PRIOR TO PRESSING NEW UNGA ITEM. WE ALSO
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HOPE THAT OTHER MODERATE GOVERNMENTS LIKE GOSL WOULD NOT
SUPPORT NORTH KOREA AND ITS BACKERS' EXTREME VIEWS ON THIS
ISSUE.

4. OF TWO SETS OF DECOLONIZATION ISSUES REFTEL, DEPT
PREFERS THAT AMBASSADOR CONCENTRATE AT THIS TIME ON
PUERTO RICO. NAG HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN MAJOR
ATTENTION TO GUAM/AMERICAN SAMOA/VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THESE

ISSUES WILL ARISE AT 31ST GA INEVITABLY SINCE THESE AREAS ARE ON GA LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES (NSGT) AND WE ACCORDINGLY REPORT TO UNSYG ON THEM. BY CONTRAST, PUERTO RICO IS NOT ON THIS LIST, WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER IT NSGT AND WE SEEK TO HEAD OFF EFFORT BY CUBA AND OTHERS TO BRING QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS BEFORE UNGA AS THOUGH IT WERE NSGT AND TO ENLIST NAG IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT. AMB. SHOULD IMPRESS ON BASNAYAKE EXTREME IMPORTANCE AND SENSITIVITY OF PUERTO RICO ISSUE TO US DRAWING ON STATE 229493 AND A-7654. NAG SUPPORT OF CUBAN EFFORT WOULD BE ACTION AIMED AT MOST FUNDAMENTAL POSSIBLE KIND OF ISSUE INVOLVING TERRITORY, GOVERNMENT, AND SOVEREIGNTY OF US TO WHICH ANY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BOUND TO REACT STRONGLY. US WAS OFFENDED AT INCLUSION IN LIMA DECLARATION OF HOSTILE LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO.

5. AMB. SHOULD REFER TO MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN THIS VISIT IN GENERAL TERMS AS PROPOSED REFTEL. THIS COMPLEX OF PROBLEMS WHICH STILL EVOLVING BETTER HANDLED IN DETAIL IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING FOR WHICH DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE MORE EXTENDED GUIDANCE THAN POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT DEADLINE.

6. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF NACG THAT AMBASSADOR MAY BE ABLE TO ELICIT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN NORTH KOREAN/ALGERIAN AND CUBAN APPROACHES TO NACG PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, AND STATUS OF INTERNAL DISPUTE OVER WHETHER NACG FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE TO MEET IN NEW DELHI OR ALGIERS OR BOTH.

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